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Sir:

REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION

This paper responds to the Advisory Action mailed 17 September 2004. Claims 1 – 33 are pending in the Application, but Claim 12 – 31 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. In an advisory action that responds to Applicant's Response After Final Rejection, the Office advises Applicant that it will not enter proposed amendments and that it maintains its final rejection of Claims 1 – 11, 32 and 33 under 35 USC 102(b), as being anticipated by , and under 35 USC 103(a), as obvious over, Nagata et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,567,744). With this Request for Continuing Examination, Applicant presents the prior amendments and also proposes new amendments to Claims 1-5, 7-10, 32 and 33.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of Claims 1 – 11, 32 and 33.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in view of the arguments and amendments presented below. Applicant also respectfully asks the Office to allow Claims 1 – 11, 32 and 33 at an early date.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments Concerning Amendments begin on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments Concerning Restriction and Claim Rejections begin on page 9 of this paper.